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COUNTY HOLDS DEDICATION CEREMONY NAMING 355 MONTEVUE LANE BUILDING AFTER DR. ULYSSES BOURNE

FREDERICK, MD – In a ceremony held today, the Frederick Board of County Commissioners formally dedicated and renamed the newly renovated building at 355 Montevue Lane, Frederick, Md., as the Bourne Building after the late Dr. Ulysses Grant Bourne, Sr. (1873-1956).

Dr. Bourne was Frederick County's first African-American physician who practiced medicine for five decades and is also credited for starting the first chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People branch in the county. Although his race prohibited him from caring for patients at the Frederick City Hospital, Dr. Bourne worked at the Hospital for Blacks on West All Saints Street that he established with Dr. Charles Brooks and at the Emergency Hospital that operated on the Montevue property from 1934 to 1954 and served the county's poor and low-income residents.

During the ceremony, Board President Blaine Young commented, "We are pleased to dedicate this building to the spirit and honor of a truly great man, a great humanitarian, a man who personified every thought and image we have of a healer and a caregiver – Dr. Ulysses Grant Bourne, Sr. We also are honored to have some very special people with us at the ceremony. First, Dr. Blanche Bourne-Tyree, who followed in her father's footsteps and earned her medical degree, and become the first Frederick County woman to do so. She has kindly loaned Frederick County a beautiful painting of her father, which will grace the entrance of this building, as well as establishing a scholarship in her father's name for others wishing to pursue a medical career. We also have with us today, Mrs. Ulysses G. Bourne, Jr., Yvonne Bourne, the wife of Dr. Bourne's son, as well as other members of the family to celebrate the enduring legacy of Dr. Bourne.

"On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, we are proud to be a part of this auspicious occasion in dedicating the Bourne Building to the memory of the late, great Dr. Ulysses Grant Bourne, Sr."

Dr. Blanche Bourne-Tyree, M.D., the 97-year-old daughter to Dr. Bourne, was the guest speaker at the ceremony. The program also included: welcoming remarks by Division of Public Works Director Charles Nipe; invocation by Rev. Ladelle Brooks, Asbury United Methodist Church; introductions and presentation of the Bourne Building proclamation by President Young; vocal performance by Angela Spencer and William Hall; comments from the Frederick Board of County Commissioners, and unveiling by President Young and Dr. Bourne-Tyree of a bronze plaque for the building that acknowledges Dr. Bourne's contributions to his profession and the citizens of Frederick County.

The building, which formerly functioned as the Montevue Assisted Living Facility, was recently repurposed for county office space. The Division of Public Works occupies the second level and the Division of Parks & Recreation recently relocated to the first floor of the building. In addition, the Board of Elections will relocate to the building later this year.

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